Sl. No.	Component/Activity	Unit	During 9th Plan	Proposed for 10th Plan
3.	Distribution of Sprayers	Rs./Unit	50% of cost limited to Rs. 700/- for manual, 1500 for power operated, and 4000 for tractor operated	50% of cost limited to Rs. 800 for manual, 2000 for power operated and 10,000 for tractor operated
4.	Distribution of Drip Irrigation System	Rs./ha.	50% cost limited to Rs. 21,000 to Rs. 26,000 per ha. for SC/ST, Small/Marginal & Women and 35% limited to Rs. 14,900 to 18,600 to others	50% cost limited to Rs. 25,000 to all farmers but 60% cost limited to Rs. 30,000 to farmers in watershed areas.

Agriculture accidents and Insurance

1042. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been consistent increase in accidents in the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide compensation to the deceased persons;

(c) in how many districts in the country the agriculture insurance has been introduced so far and the steps taken by Government to extend benefit of insurance for agriculture throughout the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Sir, there is no such report available. However, the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme has been introduced which *inter-alia* has a provision of Personal Accident Insurance to the KCC holders. The Dangerous Machines (Regulation) Act, 1983 provides for the payment of compensation to the victims in accordance with the provisions under the Workmen's Compensation; Act, 1923, in the case of death or dismemberment of any limb or any other bodily injury

caused to the operator of the Power Thersher. Some of the State Governments have their own schemes for insurance/payment of compensation to the victims of accidents in the agriculture sector.

(c) and (d) The national Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been offered to all the States and the Union Territories. 19 States and 2 Union Territories have implemented the scheme in the 437 Districts.

Appointment of National Director of NATP

1043. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the candidate selected by Agriculture Scientists Recruitment Board for the post of National Director, National Agriculture Technology Project during 1999, could not joint since a case of corruption was pending;

(b) whether ASRB had selected and recommended only the above name for the above post;

(c) whether ICAR submitted another name erroneously to the President, ICAR, leading to the appointment of the present incumbent of the post;

(d) whether the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture had initiated notings regarding above in the file during 2000; and

(e) if so, whether action is proposed to be initiated after an enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) in response to requisition given by the ICAR for the post of National Director, NATP the ASRB made available its recommendations. At the item of processing of the recommendations it was observed that the candidate recommended by the Board was not free from vigilance angle. The candidature of the recommended candidate was therefore cancelled with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(c) No, Sir, in view of the fact that the candidature of the recommended candidate by the Board was cancelled. The ASRB was requested to make available another name, if any, for the post from the Reserve List.